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Amendments to the specification:

On page 7, third paragraph, please amend the specification as follows:

Here, applying the method of Document 2 to the magnetic recording medium of Document 1 only results in a widened margin of the reproducing power, thus failing to obtain sufficient ~~coercivity~~ coercivity of the magnetic recording medium. Without sufficient coercivity[[]], it is not possible to attain stable retention of recorded information and stable reproduction of the recorded information in a case the size of the record unit of the magnetic recording medium is small.